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Notice of Allowability	Application No.		Applicant(s)	
	10/697,331		LIESS ET AL.	
	Examiner		Art Unit	
	Thuy V. Tran		2821	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendmnet & telephone interview on 5/2/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 11-19.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 10/31/03 & Repl. sheets on 4/18/05 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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Paper No./Mail Date <u>050205</u>. 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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THUY V. TRAN
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

This is a response to the Applicants' amendment submitted on April 18th, 2005. In virtue of this amendment, claims 1-10 are canceled; claims 11-19 are newly added; and thus, claims 11-19 are now presented in the instant application.

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Kenneth D. Labudda on 05/02/2005. The amendment includes:

Claim 11, line 20, replace "to" with -- series with--;

Claim 14, line 15, insert --and-- between "(Lres1)" and "the"; and

Claim 14, line 21, replace "to" with --in series with--.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 11-19 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art fails to disclose or fairly suggest:

- A device for operating a first discharge lamp and a second discharge lamp comprising a resonance inductor coupled to the seventh terminal, a current control device, and a secondary coil magnetically coupled to the resonance inductor and electrically

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coupled in series with the current control device, in combination with the remaining claimed limitations as called for in independent claim 11 (claims 12-13 are allowed since they are dependent on claim 11);

- A device for operating a first discharge lamp and a second discharge lamp comprising a second resonance inductor coupled between the first resonance inductor and the seventh terminal, a current control device, and a secondary coil magnetically coupled to the second resonance inductor and electrically coupled in series with the current control device, in combination with the remaining claimed limitations as called for in independent claim 14 (claims 15-16 are allowed since they are dependent on claim 14); and
- A device for operating a first discharge lamp and a second discharge lamp comprising a resonance inductor coupled to the seventh terminal, and a current control device coupled to a tap on the resonance inductor, in combination with the remaining claimed limitations as called for in independent claim 17 (claims 18-19 are allowed since they are dependent on claim 17).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Citation of relevant prior art

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Prior art Beland (U.S. Patent No. 6,118,227) discloses a high frequency power supply system.

Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuy V. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-1828. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00 AM -5:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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05/02/2005



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